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Patent: Cargo Snugger Strap And Hook  
Mechanism

SERIAL NO: To Be Assigned Herewith

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1. U.S. Utility Patent Application with  
3 sheets of drawings figures, and 16  
claims (3 indep. and 13 dep.)
2. Transmittal form (Ck. No. 38045 \$760).
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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a hereinafter named inventor, I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below at 201 — 203, of the invention entitled:

**Cargo Snugger Strap And Hook Mechanism**

which is described and claimed in:

- ☒ the attached specification; or  
☐ the specification in Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_;

that I or we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, that I or we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of any inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or us or my or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, that I or we acknowledge my or our duty pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56(a) to disclose information of which I or we are aware which is material to the examination of this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or us or my or our legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America except as identified hereinafter:

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None

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Country of Citizenship: U.S.A.

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Full name of joint inventor:

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May 24 - Jan Stuart H. Thomson

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Mark Y. Zhan, of 7536 Haystack Lane, Frankfort, County of Will, and State of Illinois 60423, and Stuart H. Thomson, of 4063 Cumnor Road, Downers Grove, County of DuPage, and State of Illinois 60515, have invented certain improvements in **CARGO SNUGGER STRAP AND HOOK MECHANISM**, for which improvements and the invention or inventions disclosed therein we executed an Application for Letters Patent of the United States of America herewith; and

WHEREAS, Holland Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, is desirous of acquiring title to the aforesaid application, the improvements and the invention or inventions disclosed therein, and all Letters Patent or other certificates of protection, of the United States, or of any other country, which may be granted therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Mark Y. Zhan and Stuart H. Thomson have sold, assigned and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Holland Company, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid application, the improvements and the invention or inventions disclosed therein, all priority rights pertaining to same, and all Letters Patent and other certificates of protection, both domestic and foreign, which may be granted therefor, including any reissues and extensions thereof, to be held by said Holland Company as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this Assignment and sale not been made; and we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs and legal representatives, to promptly, upon request of the said assignee, execute with proper signatures and oath or affirmation, any and all papers including all divisional, substitute, continuing and reissue applications for said

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improvements and any of said inventions, and all applications for foreign patents or other certificates of protection for said improvements and any of said inventions, and to perform, but without cost or expense to us, all acts necessary or expedient to secure to said assignee patent or other protection for said improvements and any of said inventions in the United States and in all foreign countries selected by the said assignee, as fully and entirely as the same might have been secured by us had this Assignment not been made.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals respectively.

Dec. 13, 1999  
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I, Valerie Anne Lynch, a Notary Public in and for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Mark Y. Zhan, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D., 1999.



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Attorney Docket No. 1095-1067.2  
First Inventor Mark Y. Zhan  
Title Cargo Snugger Strap And Hook Mechanism  
Express Mail Label No. EL 874 025 219 US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 18]  
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named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) Copy from
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
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(if foreign priority is claimed)
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☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/459545

Prior application information: Examiner Stephen T. Gordon Group / Art Unit 3612

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**Cargo Snugger Strap And Hook Mechanism**

which is described and claimed in:

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Mark Y. Zhan, of 7536 Haystack Lane, Frankfort, County of Will, and State of Illinois 60423, and Stuart H. Thomson, of 4063 Cumnor Road, Downers Grove, County of DuPage, and State of Illinois 60515, have invented certain improvements in CARGO SNUGGER STRAP AND HOOK MECHANISM, for which improvements and the invention or inventions disclosed therein we executed an Application for Letters Patent of the United States of America herewith; and

WHEREAS, Holland Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, is desirous of acquiring title to the aforesaid application, the improvements and the invention or inventions disclosed therein, and all Letters Patent or other certificates of protection, of the United States, or of any other country, which may be granted therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Mark Y. Zhan and Stuart H. Thomson have sold, assigned and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Holland Company, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid application, the improvements and the invention or inventions disclosed therein, all priority rights pertaining to same, and all Letters Patent and other certificates of protection, both domestic and foreign, which may be granted therefor, including any reissues and extensions thereof, to be held by said Holland Company as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this Assignment and sale not been made; and we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs and legal representatives, to promptly, upon request of the said assignee, execute with proper signatures and oath or affirmation, any and all papers including all divisional, substitute, continuing and reissue applications for said

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals respectively.

Dec. 13, 1999

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Given under my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D., 1999.

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